FISCAL NOTE

SB 323 - HB 495

February 15, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides for changes in current law relative to charitable gift annuities as follows:

- 1. Removes all requirements that charitable gift annuities comply with laws regulating insurance companies including maintenance of segregated accounts and investments.
- 2. Requires organizations that enter into charitable annuity agreements on or after July 1, 2001 to meet the following conditions:
 - have at least \$300,000 in unrestricted cash, cash equivalents, or stocks and bonds exclusive of assets that fund annuities
 - have been in continuous operation for at least three years as a charitable organization or be an affiliate or successor of a charitable organization that has been in operation for three years.
- 3. Deletes the present certification, notice and reporting requirements for such organizations and instead require organizations to notify the commissioner within 90 days of entering into their first charitable gift annuity.
- 4. Authorizes the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance to compel organizations to comply with charitable gift annuity agreements and to fine organizations up to \$1,000 per agreement for non-compliance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Revenues - Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumes that the net impact from any decrease in revenues from licensing fees or any increase in revenues from the collection of fines will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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